

JEROME NAMED COMMISSIONER;

Larry Jerome, of Oakleaf Drive, was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of Pine Knoll Shores at a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, April 23.

CLEVELAND ELECTED MAYOR

At the same time, the Board elected Wayne Cleveland as mayor of the town, and Bill Dixson as mayor pro-tem. Mr. Jerome was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Ken Haller, who has resigned and Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Dixson were elected to similarly fill unexpired terms of their predecessors.

When the meeting was opened to comments, Commissioner Natalie Hiltz expressed the opinion that when the selection of Mr. Jerome was made by the Board that consideration should have been given to the appointment of a woman or alternatively, to a representative from the condominium residents for the position. She was supported by two other residents at the meeting. Subsequently in the voting on Mr. Jerome she opposed the appointment. The election of Wayne Cleveland and Bill Dixson was unanimous.

In further comment from the audience, it was suggested that the appointment to the Board might have been from the candidates for the Board in last November's election. However, it was explained there is no precedent for this action; in fact, when vacancies have occurred in the past the same procedure was followed. It was also pointed out that the charter for the Town of Pine Knoll Shores specifies that the Board shall appoint a "qualified person" to fill the vacancy.

The final business of the meeting was the designation of Sunday, May 4, 1980, as Mayor Haller Day. A special committee is presently at work planning for the affair. See page 4.

CHANGE IN BUILDING

Richard Stanley, attorney associated with the Carteret Home Builders Association, appeared before the Board on Wednesday, April 16, to request an amendment to the ordinance requiring a builder to deposit \$500 cash bond prior to starting construction.

BOND IS REQUESTED

He was joined by Fred Schnibben, builder, and John Gainey, insurance broker, in requesting that the wording be changed to read "a surety bond, or \$500 security deposit," so as not to tie up cash which a builder needs for other purposes. The Board agreed to consider the matter.

Charles Gould, from the County Fire Marshal's office, requested the Board to consider membership of Pine Knoll Shores Fire Department in the North Carolina Firemen's Relief Fund. He described the requirements for membership, methods of funding and benefits to disabled firemen. The Board will take this under consideration and study.

Also in connection with the fire department, Chief O. K. Foster explained a youthful offender's program, in which the department would cooperate, and which is sponsored by the Carteret County Lawyers and Judges Association. He requested that the PKS fire department be authorized to participate in the program in which a first time offender would be assigned to the department for work details. The event the offender failed, or refused, to participate fully he would be remanded back to the Court. The Board approved Chief Foster's proposal.

In his quarterly report for the first three months of 1980, Bill Uebele, chief building inspector, said a total of 19 permits had been issued for building construction. He noted that this was 25 per cent below the previous year.

ZONING AMENDMENTS

At a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16, the Planning Board proposed amendments and changes to the Zoning Ordinance for consideration by the Board of Commissioners. One proposal, which was explained by Robert Armstrong, chairman

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of the Planning Board, was to amend Article VII to change the zoning of approximately